

File, it was pointed out that in the activities that would be considered harassment, if a person was accompanying an individual that was considered to be doing this harassing, he would be also cited, and we felt that was inappropriate. So this amendment merely strikes "or accompany" from that section of the bill. I think it would be very appropriate to add this amendment and would ask for its adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Is there any discussion of the Elmer amendment? Seeing none, Senator, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Elmer amendment to LB 274. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Elmer's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Elmer amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Preister would move to amend with AM0245, Madam President. (See page 602 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. This is an amendment that was worked out and I believe Senator Elmer will make his comments on it and let you know what he thinks of the amendment. I tried to draft it in such a way so that it is not a problem. I will read what it actually says. It is on page 2, line 23, if you have the bill in front of you, and states, but shall not included releasing a nonfurbearing animal from a trap. And the purpose of that is I have passed out a couple of letters from Humane Society representatives, they should be in front of you now, talking about the problems that they have in urban areas, which is very different from what you find in rural areas. Apparently, the City of Omaha does not even have an ordinance or a regulation for trapping animals. So along creek beds and on private property that adjoins creek beds, there are traps being set, many of which catch domestic animals that belong to adjoining property owners. Consequently, if the law as written were to be passed, the Humane Society officers feel that they could not deal with these domestic animals, and according to Ron Hemmingsen, whose letter you have before you, currently about one half of the animals in the Omaha